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SUBJECT: CCMS - PROPOSED ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT

REF: A. STATE 83589, B. BONN 6198

1. SUMMARY: FRG OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY ON "PERSONAL" BASIS ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT FRG AND ITS EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PARTNERS MIGHT SEEK TO DISSUADE USG FROM SUBMITTING ENERGY CONSERVATION PROPOSAL FORMALLY FOR APPROVAL AT MAY 7-8 CCMS PLENARY MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. FRG OFFICIAL WARNED EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR THAT RELEVANT FRG MINISTRIES GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT USG WAS ATTEMPTING TO "RUSH THROUGH" PROPOSED ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT WITHOUT ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAMS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. HE STATED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT FRG MIGHT REQUEST US NOT RPT NOT TO ASK CCMS FOR FORMAL APPROVAL OF SUBJECT PROJECT BUT RATHER TO PRESENT IT FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION ONLY.

3. HE REPORTED THAT FRG WAS IN PROCESS OF SOUNDING OUT VIEWS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IF OTHER EC MEMBERS SHARED FRG VIEWS, HE FORESAW POSSIBLE EUROPEAN INITIATIVE TO DISSUADE US FROM FORMAL REQUEST FOR CCMS APPROVAL AT MAY PLENARY. THIS WAS ONLY A POSSIBILITY AT THE MOMENT. A DECISION WILL BE TAKEN AT FRG INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 29.

4. EMBOFF RESPONDED BY URGING FRG SUPPORT FOR PROJECT AND RECALLED FREQUENT EXPRESSIONS BY FRG OFFICIALS OF INTEREST IN ENERGY CONSERVATION TOPIC. WITH THIS IN MIND, ENBOFF STRONGLY URGED THAT FRG ENDORSE PROJECT AND BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT CO-SPONSOR'S ROLE. FRG OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED GERMAN INTEREST IN ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SPOKE WARMLY OF US-FRG COOPERATIVE ROLE IN SEVERAL CCMS PROJECTS. HE ALSO AGREED THAT ENERGY CONSERVATION WAS BOTH RELEVANT AND INTERESTING. HOWEVER, US HAD THRUST THIS TOPIC INTO CCMS FORUM WITHOUT PROPERLY DELINEATING ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS. HE REMINDED EMBOFF THAT FRG HAD EMPHASIZED THIS POINT BEFORE ROTTERDAM AND BRUSSELS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETINGS. IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, FRG WOULD BE "HARD PUT" TO MAKE EVEN BRIEF STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT AND CO-SPONSORSHIP SEEMED OUT OF QUESTION. HE CONCLUDED THAT "BLUNTLY STATED, THE FEW RELEVANT GERMAN EXPERTS ARE DOING THE SAME THING ELSEWHERE."

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAVE MADE US POSITION CLEAR AND HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE BEFORE MONDAY

MEETING TO DISSUADE FRG FROM OPPOSING ENERGY
CONSERVATION PROJECT. IF, AFTER MEETING, WE FIND THAT
OUR EFFORTS WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL WE WILL FOLLOW UP AGAIN
URGENTLY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RELEVANT GUIDANCE,
PARTICULARLY EVIDENCE TO COUNTER FRG BELIEF THAT THIS
CCMS ENERGY INITIATIVE IS NOT ADEQUATELY COORDINATED
WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS. IN MEANTIME, WE
SUGGEST THAT AMERICAN EMBASSIES IN NATO CAPITALS
AND USNATO BE ALERT FOR OPPORTUNITIES DISCREETLY TO
COUNTER ANY FRG ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP AN EC CONSENSUS
OPPOSING INTRODUCTION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION IN MAY
CCMS PLENARY.
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